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Applicant: Koji MATSUMOTO et al. Conf.: 6995
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For: CURING COMPOSITION OF FLUORORUBBER AND
MOLDED ARTICLE OF FLUORORUBBER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

D1 --9. A process for curing a molded fluororubber article comprising placing into a mold a fluororubber composition comprising